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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No. 09/790,872  
Filed: February 23, 2001

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Examiner: B. Forman  
For: POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEPARATION METHOD  
AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/790,872, filed on February 23, 2001, entitled POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEPARATION METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREFOR, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee								\$ 740.00	
Total Claims	6	-	20	=	0	x	18	=	0.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	x	84	=	0.00
Total Filing Fee								\$ 740.00	

3. A check including the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 2-29 before calculating the Filing Fee.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. The above-referenced patent application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 9/780,872, filed February 23, 2001, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/666,883, filed on September 20, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/522,465, filed on March 9, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,218,126), which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/329,318 filed on June 10, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,093,370), from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. This application is related to U.S. Serial No. 10/003,305, filed on December 6, 2001, and U.S. Serial No. 10/003,530, filed on December 6, 2001.

7. New drawings are enclosed, twenty-five (25) sheets,  
Figs. 1-32D.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration  
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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd..  
8. Priority of the following Japanese patent application  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 10-163213, filed June 11, 1998;  
No. 10-330536, filed November 20, 1998;  
No. 10-364059, filed December 22, 1998; and  
No. 11-018004, filed January 27, 1999.

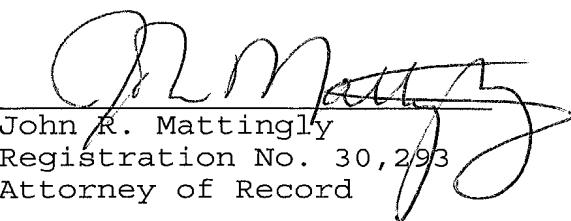
The certified priority document has been filed in the parent  
application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained  
in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed  
in the present continuation application would have been new

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matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/790,872, as  
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